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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of

Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.

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For: Method of Staining and Detecting and Counting
Bacteria, and a Diluent for Bacterial Stain

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.